



# The Janesville Gazette.

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1865.

## Legislative Correspondence.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

MADISON, March 3d, 1865.

**Editors Gazette:**—The resolution to receive no new business after the 20th inst., is adopted by both Houses.

In the Senate, a resolution from the legislature of Michigan, asking Congress for a grant of land for the establishment of a female college in the several States, was referred to the Committee on Education.

Among the Assembly bills passed, was one to extend the time for the collection of taxes in the town of Porter, Rock county, and a memorial to Congress in relation to a Western Judicial District in the State.

A motion prevailed in the Senate to-day, to reconsider the vote by which the bill to authorize the Governor to take the opinion of the Justices of the Supreme Court in certain cases, was indefinitely postponed, and it will be further considered next Tuesday.

In the Assembly a petition of 102 colored citizens of African descent, praying for the right of suffrage, was presented. Among the bills introduced, were bills requiring railroad companies that have received land grants to select such lands; to amend the law in regard to State Hospital for the "insane"; to incorporate the Portage City and Superior Railroad Company and to execute the trust created by the land grant. The Insane Hospital bill provides for getting pay from patients able to afford it, and for counties paying \$3.50 per week for each pauper patient they send. This measure seems to be generally desired and when in operation it will afford a needed relief to maniacs who are now kept in the poorhouses of several counties in the State, in the same room with the paupers constantly presenting a harrowing sight very painful to the unfortunates having to bear it.

Both houses in view of the wish of some of the members to appropriately celebrate the second inauguration of President Lincoln, adjourned till Monday evening.

Senator Van Wyck has consented to deliver an address on "Paris in Revolution," in the Senate Chamber on next Thursday evening.

The Governor has ordered a national salute to be fired to-morrow, and this with the good feelings induced by the prospect of the flag soon floating over every foe, will serve to stimulate grateful emotions in every patriotic heart. May they be largely stimulated to the increase of devotion to country and love of the old time honored flag.

MADISON, March 4th, 1865.

**Editors Gazette:**—I regret to have to tell you that while the second gun of the national salute was being fired here to-day a melancholy accident occurred. State Armorer McFarland and John Wicketts, both experienced gunners, were firing the salute, when, as Wicketts was ramming the second charge, it prematurely exploded, blowing him nearly fifteen feet. When taken up, it was found that the rammer had carried his right hand off considerably above the wrist, and that his face and eyes were terribly begrimed and scorched. McFarland, who tended the vent, had the fore part of his thumb and one of his fingers blown off.

Wicketts was taken to the Harvey Hospital without delay, where surgical skill is doing its best for him. His arm has been taken off close to the shoulder, without finding the artery to bind, and until this is got and secured he cannot be regarded as likely to recover.

Wicketts volunteered with the 1st regiment Wisconsin volunteers, and has for some time past been employed in the Attorney General's office. He is a stout, good-natured German, and his melancholy condition is generally deplored in this city where he has many warm friends.

The gun in use at the time, was the brass pounder captured from the rebels by the 14th regiment. It was brought here spiked, and was, I believe, made serviceable by a new vent hole being bored.

As usual in such cases, various reasons are assigned for the premature discharge, such as air getting into the vent hole, but no decided reason is given.

Of course, after the accident which occasioned a gloom not at all in keeping with the sentiment of the day, the firing of the national salute ceased.

YANKEE THISTLE.

**Thoughts for Home Students—No. 7.** [For the Gazette.]

I have told my young friends some things hard to believe no doubt. Stranger things and more difficult to be demonstrated have been believed, as a glance at Mytolog proves.

The Ancient Persians believed in three Gods, the greatest of which was Ormuzd, who made a perfect man with a giant head. An infinite distress caused his monstrous head to burst with terrible anguish, when out stepped a lovely woman, the head shrank to a natural size and they became the first man and wife. The Greeks also believed the beautiful Minerva sprang from the head of Jupiter.

The Ancient Hindoos believed a monstrous serpent lay coiled upon the Ocean. On him Vishnu slept for long ages in inactivity and died. Out of his departing spirit Brahma arose who created man by the simple act of wishing.

The Ancient Syrians believed somewhere in their country was a beautiful garden, into which God came one night and gathered particles of all kinds of dust, out of which to make man. He fashioned him after his own image. When sufficiently dry to be handled without defacing he placed himself mouth to mouth, hands to hands and feet to feet, and imparted life to the image. Sleep had possession of the man. The god drew a glittering blade from his girdle, and with infinite quickness took a bone (of the 248 bones) from near the heart, and placing the requisite female dependences around it, gave it to the man to become his wife.

The Aztecs believed that a princess, being offended at her husband, obtained leave of Deity to depart from paradise on condition that she would go to Earth and populate it. She started on her long and perilous journey. When once in sight of Earth, she drew from her girdle a knife glittering with diamonds and hurled it against the planet, breaking it into twelve pieces which immediately resolved themselves into six knights and six princesses, from which sprang six races of men.

The Ancient Egyptians believed two Gods descended from the sun and alighted on the flowery banks of a beautiful lake on a pleasant morning, and planted the grain of a lotus plant, each kissing it on opposite sides. The plant grew and ripened its fruits. The leaves burst, and a beautiful man and woman, like ripe corn from the husk, stepped forth in spontaneous marriage. The Asiatics, of Egyptian descent, believed in the center of a watery Universe existed the divine Power, which slowly and silently, for ages collected transparent shell about him in which he slept. On awaking, by his own energies he burst the shell and arose to the surface, an immense turtle, covering millions of acres. He again burst his shell, the fragments of which became earth, mountains and rocks. The giant came from the mountains and slept beside a placid lake. From his head sprang a noble race of thinkers. From his long arms, stretched by his sides, a race of workers. From his legs, a race of travelers, and from his fingers and toes, the lowest race of all.

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Birds-nest Cottage, Harmony, March 4th, 1865.

## The Largest Grain Elevator in the World.

The improvements made in the appliances for handling grain within a few years have been more rapid than the increased production. Within our experience in Milwaukee, the grain business of the city has grown from one million bushels to more than twenty million bushels. It has been said that the first wheat purchased in Milwaukee was elevated by the purchaser, Mr. Harrison Ludington, a bag full at a time on his shoulders. Since that time great strides have been taken. Now Milwaukee receives and ships, direct from producers, more wheat than any other port in the world. A recent addition to the means of handling the immense grain receipts of this market is so important that a special description will be of interest to our readers. Milwaukee has been justly celebrated for the character of her club wheat. It is known in all the grain markets of the world. In fact, millions of the inhabitants of other countries make their bread of it. For some years it has been the first in the list of quotations of the New York, Liverpool and Montreal markets. Milwaukee now boasts the largest and best appointed elevator in the world.

We have from time to time called attention to the progress in the erection of the great elevator of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company in this city. This mammoth structure is located in the Fifth ward, on the Menomonee river and near the Menomonee bridge. It is now so nearly completed as to have three elevators in operation, and ample for the "full season" wants of the road.

The ground dimensions are 45x233 feet, and its height 133 feet. It is erected upon a foundation of stone resting upon 9,000 piles, averaging 60 feet in length. The foundation walls are of stone, of which 650,000 cubic feet were used. The first, or ground story of the elevator, is of brick, in which, together with the chimney, have been consumed over 650,000 brick. The amount of lumber used was 3,250,000 feet. There has been consumed in this building 2,000,000 pounds of cast iron, and 400,000 pounds of wrought iron, machinery and stays. Our readers can imagine the immense amount of labor of putting up the plank walls that rest upon the first story, together with the partitions, bins, trestle-work that form the structure, when we inform them that over 2,370 eggs of nails have been driven.

The belting and in the elevators cost \$4,000; one belt alone cost \$1,800. The belts are all of rubber, and were furnished by the New York Rubber Belting Company. The elevator is divided into 12 bins, 55 feet deep, and with a capacity of 11,000 bushels to each bin, giving a storing capacity of 1,250,000 bushels. There are fourteen elevators, nine for receiving, and five for shipping—the capacity of the receiving elevators is 27,000 bushels per hour, and that of the shipping elevators is 30,000 bushels per hour. Thus it can load two ordinary vessels in one hour, or a fleet of twenty vessels in one day. This vast labor is performed by an immense engine, in the engine house, which we have before described in these columns, and manufactured by Wm. Goodnow, of Milwaukee.

The Grand Gift Concert.—It will not have escaped the attention of our readers that Prof. Balch, of Milwaukee, gives a grand concert in Milwaukee on the 22d of March, at which a large number of rich and valuable prizes are to be distributed. The gentlemen engaged with the Professor in this enterprise are substantial and reliable business men, who in the management of a similar entertainment for the past three years have made it a complete success. Dug. King, at the Post Office, is the agent for the sale of tickets in this city and vicinity.

Forced from the fact that it is capable of receiving and shipping all the grain received and shipped at all Lake Michigan ports—or over 75,000,000 bushels annually. And this by running only ten hours a day, not including Sundays. It is large enough for many years to come. Though we predict that not many years will elapse before the increasing productions of Wisconsin and Minnesota will test its utmost capacity during the Spring and Autumn months.

So long as wood and iron shall last, this great work of improvement will stand as a monument to commemorate the enterprise of the managers of the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway Company, and the skill of its Architects. In a word, it is the pride of Milwaukee, typifying as it does growth, enterprise and resources. Let Boston boast of the largest organ in the world, but Milwaukee rests satisfied with having the LARGEST ELEVATOR IN THE WORLD.—Daily Wisconsin.

## The Murder of Miss Harvey in Iowa.

M. J. Williams, of Ottumwa, Iowa, "Lan" McComb's attorney, writes to the Ottumwa Courier :

I have been requested to publish in the papers of this city the statements made to me by Benjamin A. McComb, a few days before his execution, pertaining to the murder of Laura J. Harvey. I made an effort to obtain a full confession, after I found that there was nothing more that I could do for him legally as attorney. He made to me, a few days before his execution, in answer to direct questions put at different times, the following statements, to wit:

"I was with Lawrence and Laura J. Harvey, at Eddyville, Iowa, just before the murder of Laura J. Harvey, and crossed the Des Moines river with them. Lawrence is dead. I know who killed Laura J. Harvey, but I did not do it. I do not want to make a confession, because I have some respectable sisters, and I do not want to disgrace them."

"I do not want to give a history of my life. I would have to implicate other persons, and also that his folks would not be willing and his history would make a large book. I left Lawrence and Laura J. Harvey in this country."

These statements may be published to throw some light upon the mysterious murder of Laura J. Harvey.

M. J. WILLIAMS.

## CITY NOTICES.

Two good second hand pianos for sale cheap at Darling's music store, Myer's Block. —oct10dawley49.

## Amusements.

### GENERAL GANTT

will deliver a

### LECTURE

before the

### Young Mens' Literary Union

AT

LAPPIN'S HALL,

JANESVILLE,

FRIDAY, MARCH 10TH, 1865.

SUBJECT:—North and South.



